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SUBJECT: BURMA: POLICE REPORTEDLY RELEASE FAMILY THAT
DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF EMBASSY

REF: RANGOON 328

Classified By: Political Officer Sean O'Neill for Reasons 1.4 (b) & (d)

11. (C) A Regional Security Office police contact reported that on June 7 officials released the six persons who were detained after approaching the Embassy to ask for assistance (reftel). According to the police contact, the five family members and their friend were released after posting a bail bond. We are seeking more information about what, if anything, they have been charged with and the status of their head of household, whose arrest prompted their appeal to the Embassy.

12. (C) As mentioned in reftel, on June 5 we contacted the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Rangoon to inform the ICRC of this case and to request that it contact the family to see what assistance, if any, it can provide. On June 5, the ICRC's Head of Protection in Rangoon, Dominik Urban, told us the ICRC is not in a position to initiate contact with families in Burma on cases, but said the ICRC will see what it can do if the family makes an approach. We are seeking a secure way to pass this message to the family, without further endangering them.
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